
Introduced by Senator Oropeza

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 56—Relative to coastal development and Marina del Rey.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 56, as introduced, Oropeza. Coastal development and Marina del Rey.

This measure would request the County of Los Angeles to undertake a comprehensive update of the Marina del Rey local coastal program prior to any further approvals of coastal development permits or amendments to the local coastal program for Marina del Rey, in order to ensure that any redevelopment proposals reflect the statewide goals and objectives of the California Coastal Act of 1975 and the California Environmental Quality Act.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Marina del Rey was established in 1954 as a small
2 craft harbor and public recreation resource by Congressional House
3 Document 389 and substantially funded by the federal government
4 through Public Law 83-780 signed by President Eisenhower. The
5 federal documents set forth the recreational intent and contemplated
6 recreation and marine-dependent development of Marina del Rey,
7 which encompasses .63 square miles; and
8 WHEREAS, In a 1956 general election, Los Angeles County
9 (county) residents approved the use of a revenue bond to pay for
10 the county's financial obligations for the creation of a small boat
11 harbor to be known as Marina del Rey; and

1 WHEREAS, As of June 30, 2009, for Marina del Rey there are
2 19 individual pending redevelopment proposals in the early stages
3 of the regulatory approval process and two approved 500 or more
4 unit apartment complexes spread out over 15 buildings yet to
5 commence construction; and

6 WHEREAS, The redevelopment proposals have not been
7 considered in their entirety pursuant to the California
8 Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Division 13 (commencing
9 with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) and the
10 California Coastal Act of 1975 (Coastal Act) (Division 20
11 (commencing with Section 30000) of the Public Resources Code);
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Many of the redevelopment proposals do not adhere
14 to the certified Marina del Rey local coastal program (MdR LCP),
15 which defines appropriate land use for parcels, sets maximum
16 height and density allowances, and protects key views; and

17 WHEREAS, On January 8, 2008, the California Coastal
18 Commission found that the MdR LCP was out of conformity with
19 the Coastal Act and voted unanimously to recommend that the
20 county undertake a comprehensive update of the MdR LCP that
21 addresses the overall direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental
22 and social impacts of the redevelopment proposals; that key
23 environmentally sensitive habitat area identification and protection
24 be added to the MdR LCP; and that small boat slips be protected
25 from further elimination; and

26 WHEREAS, On August 21, 2008, the supervising regional
27 planner of the County Department of Regional Planning asserted
28 at a public meeting that the county would not undertake a
29 comprehensive MdR LCP update, which was reaffirmed in a letter
30 dated May 28, 2009, from the acting director of the department to
31 the California Coastal Commission; and

32 WHEREAS, The county continues to move forward with
33 piecemeal applications and local coastal program amendments,
34 many of which do not comply with the MdR LCP or coastal act
35 policies; now, therefore, be it

36 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
37 *thereof concurring*, That Marina del Rey is an asset of regional
38 and state significance including environmentally sensitive habitat
39 areas that are ecologically connected to the state-owned Ballona
40 Wetlands; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That in order to ensure that any redevelopment
2 proposals for Marina del Rey reflect the statewide goals and
3 objectives of the California Coastal Act of 1975 and the California
4 Environmental Quality Act, the Legislature requests the County
5 of Los Angeles to undertake a comprehensive update of the Marina
6 del Rey local coastal program prior to any further approvals of
7 coastal development permits or amendments to the local coastal
8 program; and be it further
9 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
10 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.